

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: APPLICATION WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
AUTHORITY – STATE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION, EMS REGIONAL AGENCIES

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the Governing Board of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), approve submission of state general fund application in the amount of \$283,324 with the State of California, Emergency Medical Services Authority, for continued maintenance of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono counties for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will seek State funding for the three- county ICEMA region. ICEMA is the local EMS agency responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating the EMS system for the region consisting of the counties of Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino was named the Governing Board of ICEMA in the revised Joint Powers Agreement approved April 25, 1988.

The State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is responsible for assessing local or regional EMS areas to determine need for additional EMS services, coordination and effectiveness of the EMS system. The State EMSA has provided funding to regional EMS agencies, including ICEMA, to support and maintain activities since 1976. If the grant is awarded, the funds will support management and coordination of EMS activities, manpower and training activities, communication access assessment and monitoring, medical control and compliance activities, emergency transport monitoring, mutual aid agreements between providers and jurisdictions, monitoring of patient transfer and care, trauma planning, base hospital designation, data collection and evaluation, and regional disaster planning.

The principal functions of a local EMS agency are specified in the California Health and Safety Code. These functions include: 1) approving and monitoring Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic and Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) training programs; 2) conducting certification, accreditation and recertification of EMTs, paramedics and MICNs; 3) authorizing Advanced Life Support (ALS) programs; 4) establishing policies and procedures for medical control of the EMS system, including dispatch, patient destination, patient care, and quality improvement; 5) establishing ordinances and/or exclusive operating areas for the regulation of ambulance services; 6) developing and implementing a trauma system plan; and 7) developing standards for and authorizing base and ambulance receiving hospitals.

This grant application is due to the State EMS Authority by June 25, 2004. Notification of due date for submittal was received June 1, 2004.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel (909) 387-4177) on June 9, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst (909) 388-0211) on June 9, 2004.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item imposes no additional cost to the County. The grant application is for an amount of \$283,324. The Department will return to the Board to request approval of the grant award and appropriation and revenue changes. The FY 2004-2005 proposed budget included anticipated grant revenue of \$284,982, which is \$1,658 more than the application amount. The difference will result in program expenditure reductions as follows: Communications: \$675 Materials and Supplies: \$983.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no additional cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146